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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-referenced application.

**In the Specification:**

On Page 1, insert before the first line the following paragraph:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims priority to International Application No. PCT/US00/17457, filed June 23, 2000, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English, and which claims priority to Japanese Application No. 11-189081, filed July 2, 1999.

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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